

# News from Ed Markey

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## **IAEA BRINGS NORTH KOREA CRISIS TO UN,**

*Markey calls on Bush Admin to press for quick action by Security Council,  
cancellation of '94 nuclear reactor deal*

**Washington, DC:** Representative Edward J. Markey (D-MA), a senior Member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and co-chairman of the Bipartisan Task Force on Nonproliferation, today released the following statement in reaction to the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) decision to bring the nuclear crisis in North Korea to the attention of the United Nations (UN) Security Council.

"I called on the President months ago to bring the nuclear crisis in North Korea to the attention of the United Nations Security Council. I am encouraged that the IAEA has deemed this situation serious enough to do so by now. However, we shouldn't have had to wait three months for Mohammed ElBaradei to bring this matter to the Security Council. President Bush should have done so last November.

"North Korea simply must not be allowed to produce nuclear bombs and long-range ballistic missile technology, and the Bush Administration must work quickly through the Security Council and bilateral discussions with the Chinese, the Russians, the Japanese, and the South Koreans to resolve this crisis.

"The Bush Administration should make it clear that the U.S. is willing to talk to the North Koreans about ways to peacefully resolve this crisis, but also make it clear that any solution will no longer involve the transfer of two light water reactors to North Korea. The Bush Administration has yet to issue a clear, unequivocal statement of U.S. opposition to any revival of this reactor deal. It is high time it did so."

Rep. Markey's statement today on nuclear proliferation in North Korea follows a series of letters to the Bush Administration and previous administrations on the need to confront the perils of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. Copies of this correspondence can be found on Rep. Markey's web site ([http://www.house.gov/markey/iss\\_nonproliferation.htm](http://www.house.gov/markey/iss_nonproliferation.htm)). As Co-Chair and Founder of the Bipartisan Congressional Task Force on Non-proliferation, Rep. Markey has held numerous forums on North Korea, Iraq, Iran, and other trouble spots for weapons proliferation.

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